



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Agenda Item: 3

Advisory Information

Title: Nicollet-Central Transit Alternatives Study

☐ Action ☒ Discussion ☐ Informational

Date: August 27, 2013

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Attachments: PowerPoint Presentation and Project Brochure

Requested Action

No action is requested. This item is before the Commission for purposes of discussion.

Background

The Nicollet-Central Transit Alternatives Study is aimed at determining the best transit mode in the corridor running through the center of Minneapolis along Central and Nicollet Avenues. The three alternatives being studied for the corridor are:

- Modern Streetcar
- Enhanced Bus
- No Build/Existing Conventional Bus

Detailed descriptions of each alternative are provided in the attachments or at the website for the study: www.minneapolismn.gov/nicollet-central.

The study began in 2012 and will conclude in the next few months with a preferred alternative being selected by the City Council.

Discussion

At the August 27th meeting, Charleen Zimmer of Zan Associates, the acting project manager for the study will be present to describe the study and answer questions from the Commission. The two key points for the discussion are:

- 1) The Preferred Alternative. Commission members may want to express their preferences for one of the three alternatives.
- 2) The Outreach Process. An extensive outreach process has been used for the study. This included producing newsletters, holding open houses, meetings with neighborhood and business groups and other activities. The NCR Access and Outreach team was involved early in the study to link cultural communities along the corridor to the study. This resulted in meetings with business and religious organizations serving various cultural communities.